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On the 4th January, 1904, at H.B.M. Consulate, Ningpo, before R. H. Mortimore, and afterwards by the Rev. J. W. Heywood, ARTHUR JOHN PHILIPPE, to ELIZABETH ANN ONNEBROOK, both of Ningpo.

On the 4th January, 1904, at All Saints' Church, Tientsin, by the Rev. H. J. Brown, M.A., and afterwards at H.B.M. Consulate-General, by J. C. Hopkins, Consulate-General, GORDON O'NEILL, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Taku, to FLORENCE, youngest daughter of the late MAGNUS LINKLATER, of Swatow.

DEATHS.

On the 13th January, 1904, at St. Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, FRANCIS ROBERT NOAKES CLIFFON (S.W.C. Co.), aged 14 months.

On the 14th January, 1904, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Captain R. F. ANDERSON, late manager of Arnhold, Karberg & Co.'s Oil Wharf, Pooing.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DESVRES ROAD, CL.
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HONGKONG, 20TH JANUARY, 1904

In its issue of the 15th instant our Shanghai contemporary, the *North-China Daily News*, says:—"A private note received yesterday from a well-informed source in Japan says that the chartering of transports is going on openly. Troops will not be despatched to Korea until after naval engagement. The Kokura and Sendai Divisions will be the first to take the field. Foreign newspaper correspondents are receiving orders by wire to 'cable freely irrespective of cost.' It is to be presumed, however, that the correspondents find little to cable about, or else that the censorship is very strict indeed; for no news of a trustworthy nature reaches us even via Europe. With regard to the despatch of troops to Korea, in spite of the authority quoted by the *Daily News*, we learn from a traveller only just arrived in the Colony from the Corean coast that Japan undoubtedly has been landing small bodies of men in Corea, quietly but steadily. He even went so far as to maintain that Japan has quite 25,000 men in Corea, prepared for the outbreak of war. Rumours to this effect were of course prevalent before, but the present story is much more circumstantial. As to the good faith of our informant we have no hesitation, and we therefore give his statement as worthy of consideration. We must, however, confess to being puzzled to explain how Japan's action can have failed to be revealed through Chinese reports. A thorough censorship can suppress telegrams from Japan, but not via China."

A report laid on the Legislative Council table yesterday which furnishes very melancholy reading-matter is that of the committee appointed to enquire into the causes of Chinese infantile mortality in the Colony. That committee was composed of Doctors J. M. ATKINSON, HO KAT, G. P. JORDAN, W. W. PEARSE, G. M. HARSTON, and W. HUNTER. Many meetings were held and the French and Italian Convents were inspected, as being the places where most of the infantile deaths under one month occurred. As was the case in 1886, when on the raising of the question in the Council by Mr. A. P. MACEWEN, Mr. HUGH MACCULLUM examined the causes of infantile mortality here, the committee agrees that it is not to intrinsic defects in the two Convents that the large death-rate is due, but to the number of moribund children dumped at the Convent doors. The figures on which the committee had to work included the Acting M.O.H.'s return from July, 1902, to June, 1903, which showed a total of 1,073 infantile deaths under one year in the Colony, 495 or over 46 per cent. being due to *tetanus*, *trismus*, and convulsions; 370 of those latter were at the French Convent, which draws from a lower class of Chinese population than the Italian Convent. Altogether the French Convent admitted 1,392 infants, of whom 1,271 died, 27 from *tetanus* and *trismus*; the Italian Convent admitted 341 infants, of whom 168 died, 25 from *tetanus* and *trismus*. It was found that the number of admissions and deaths began to rise in April, and reached its maximum in August, then declining to its minimum between January and March. The causes of the mortality are stated by the report of the Committee to be:—

(1) *Trismus*, the commonest cause of death under two weeks of age in the Convents. The Chinese call this *so han*, or lock-jaw, and consider it a hopeless disease. Dr. HUNTER, however, could not isolate the *tetanus* bacillus in his *post-mortem* examinations. (2) *Marasmus*, which Dr. HUNTER found to be responsible for over 33 per cent. in some 600 *post-mortems* on children under two years old. Mal-nutrition and want of cleanliness, as well as hereditary conditions, are to blame. (3) Chest-affections. (4) Diarrhoea, etc. (5) Convulsions at teething time and from worms. The Chinese use the term *kao kung* to describe this class of convulsive disease. The report points out that it is an important fact that a number, possibly a third to half of the children dying within one month, have not had their birth registered. Chinese children not being entered in the "family tree" until they are one month old. The high death-rate is more apparent than real, says the Committee. The M.O.H. in his 1902 report gives the infantile death-rate at 796 per 1,000, after allowing for all deaths under one month as unregistered; but owing to the very large number of births unregistered, his figures must be considered very much over the mark. And further, if our figures are compared with the infantile death-rate in Calcutta—748.6 per 1,000—they are relatively not so bad as apparent at first sight. As to preventive measures, the Committee say that the first and greatest involves the better education of the Chinese, especially the lower classes, in sanitary matters. The maternity hospital is a step in the right direction, but a free maternity charity, whereby poor people could be attended in their own houses, is wanted. A bonus of \$2 to mother, midwife, or other person present registering a birth within one month is recommended. The Convents should be required to register every admission at the Registrar-General's Office. And the foster mothers with whom children from the Convents are housed should also be registered, either at the Convent or at the R.G.O., as well as medically examined before being accepted as foster mothers. But the great remedial measure is, as the Committee begin their recommendations by saying, in the better education of the Chinese, to convince them of the necessity of proper sanitary procedure, both personal and in their households.

The English mail of the 19th December was delivered in London on the 16th inst.

Colonel Charles Deuby, late U.S. Minister to China, died in Indiana last week.

We are requested to state that Mrs. May will be at home to-morrow only till 4.45 on account of the Church Missionary Association Meeting at 5 o'clock.

It is confirmed that one officer, three petty officers and twenty marines were landed at Chemulpo from the *Crescent* on the 8th inst., and proceeded to Seoul by the second train.

The only cases of communicable disease notified as occurring in the Colony last week were—2 of enteric, one European and one Chinese, both imported; and 2 of small-pox, both European, one imported.

The summer schedule of the Russian railway shows a *train de luxe* on the Siberian railway, which will make the distance from Alexandrovo to Dalny in thirteen days.

The *N.C. Daily News* says that it can contradict on good authority the *China Mail* correspondent's story that operations on the Canton-Hankow railway have been suspended under orders from New York.

The Tokyo correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* says that the Emperor of Corea, in view of the present stringency, has determined to readjust his administration. This would no doubt be instructive were it more intelligible.

At the beginning of last week the *Russia*, *Rurik*, *Gromoboy* and *Rogotay* were at Vladivostock; the *Sirokot* at Nanchang; the *Mandjou* and *Djadjil* at Shanghai; the *Bayarin* at Chemulpo; and the rest of the Russian squadron in the East at Port Arthur.

According to the *Japan Times*, the American Asiatic Association has sent a telegram to the following effect to the Yokohama Association: Japan is fighting a battle for civilization. The Americans completely sympathise with Japan. Japan has nothing to fear.

The Governor of Changsha (Human) lately ordered from Japan 2,000 Mural rifles, pattern 1897, with accompanying ammunition. Each cost £1,200,000. These Japanese rifles are said to be very much admired by the Chinese, and there seems to be every prospect of China buying her rifles in future solely from Japan to the exclusion of other countries.

The Corean Emperor is said to appear more concerned about his own personal safety than the future of his country; at one time he intended to fly to Shunshu or Pingyang in case of war, but he seems to have subsequently decided to remain at Seoul. The Corean officials are panic-stricken.

The *N.C. Daily News* learns from Canton that Messrs. Maudl & Co. have effected with the Viceroy of Kwangtung and Kwangsi a loan of one million taels, repayable in fifteen months, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum. No Imperial Edict is to be required, but the repayment is guaranteed by the Viceroy, the Governor, and the Provincial Treasurer. Of the total sum about £1,200,000 is to be provided in the shape of Krupp's military manufactures, the balance being in cash.

The *Ostasiatische Lloyd* has a telegram dated Yokohama, 19th December:—"The Frify Council met yesterday, the Mikado presiding. It has been resolved to return the last Russian Note to the S. Petersburg Government with the request to reconsider it. Official circles in Tokyo do not consider this a break of the relations with Russia, but on the contrary, as prompted by the desire to continue the negotiations on another basis. The final settlement of the crisis is therefore postponed for some weeks."

A correspondent writes, with reference to a benefit concert, advertised by the R.E. Variety Club to take place in the Wellington Barracks theatre on the evening of last Monday, that owing to the "filthy and most disgraceful songs which were sung" by a certain vocalist belonging to the R.A.M.C. several European ladies present had to leave the hall. "It is to be regretted," he adds, "that the authorities concerned do not stop in and put a stop to such carryings on. It would be advisable for the R.E. Variety Club to keep this man from appearing in future."

ARRIVAL OF R.G.A. DETACHMENT IN HONGKONG.

Major Gordon, Captain Wakefield, four sub-lieutenants, and 111 rank-and-file of the 83rd Company of Royal Garrison Artillery yesterday arrived from Canada by the Canadian Pacific Railway s.s. *Empress of India*, and proceeded to Lyemann. As they have come from the rather frigid seaport of Esquimalt, in the province of British Columbia, Vancouver Island, one can imagine that they will take kindly to the change. Esquimalt, by the way, though seldom spoken of outside service circles, has an extensive harbour, and a naval yard. It is about to be fortified at the joint expense of the Imperial and Canadian Governments. To return to the subject, however, Captain Wakefield is not new to Hongkong, having not so very long ago acted here as a Lieutenant in the Hongkong and Singapore Battalion of Royal Artillery.

RELIEVED TROOPS TO LEAVE HONGKONG.

The 89th Company of Royal Garrison Artillery, having been relieved by the 83rd Company, which arrived from Canada yesterday, will leave for Rangoon by a hired transport, the British India s.s. *Dilwara*, on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. The *Dilwara* will, it's to take home a number of details from the Sherwood Foresters, Royal Engineers, Army Ordnance Corps, and Royal Army Medical Corps. In all, there will be 600 men or so aboard, besides quite a few wives and families of soldiers, and the following indulgence passengers:—Mrs. and Miss Lamkin (wife and daughter of Lieut. Lambkin), Mrs. Hewett (wife of Capt. Hewett of the Pay Department), Mrs. Harvey (wife of Lieut. Harvey of the Royal Army Medical Corps), and child, Mrs. Murray (wife of Captain Murray of the Sherwood Foresters). Mrs. Bewley (wife of Major Bowley of the R.A.M.C.), Mrs. Davies (wife of Lieut. Davies of the 110th Bombay Light Infantry), Mrs. Pinchon (wife of Quartermaster Sergeant Pinchon of the Royal Engineers), Mrs. Siddon (wife of Staff Sergeant Major Siddon), and Mrs. Brown (wife of Garrison Sergeant-Major Brown). In each instance the ladies will be accompanied by their husbands.

TELEGRAMS. CORRESPONDENCE.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

SOMALILAND.

LONDON, 17th January.

A despatch from General Egerton states that 250 prisoners were taken in the recent battle; 680 dead bodies were counted near the position, and numerous others along the line of pursuit twelve miles on the open plain. The total of the evening's killed is estimated at over 1,200. It is reported that the Mullah was near Hadjin during the fight with a large force, mounted, and supported. The first Brigade is now reconnoitring Hadjin.

RUSSIA'S MEDITERRANEAN SQUADRON.

LONDON, 17th January.

The battleship *Oslobo* is proceeding to Suez. The rest of the squadron is at Port Said awaiting orders.

MORE RISINGS IN GERMAN S.W. AFRICA.

LONDON, 17th January.

The rising of natives in German Namaland has extended to Damara land, and numbers of settlers have been massacred.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, 17th January.

Japanese and Russian agents are buying up all available coal throughout the world. The buying operations have hitherto been chiefly centred in Cardiff. Japan has ordered 300,000 tons in England alone since Thursday and has also purchased 500,000 bushels of wheat in Winnipeg.

THE U. S. IN THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, 17th January.

President Roosevelt has appointed Mr. Davidson, now Consul at Tamsui, to act as a roving Commercial Agent with head-quarters at Antung, and Mr. E. V. Morgan, Consul at

INDISPOSITION OF THE TSARITZA.

LONDON, 17th January.

The Tsaritza is suffering from pleurisy and the Court Ball has been postponed.

CANTON.

Canton, 18th January.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]
BOBBERS ENGAGED.

Since the execution of Ao Chau, captain of the 3,000 robbers at Shui-bin, that district has been quiet. Three noted robbers have been captured in the Pun-yi territory just east of the city, and they are at present exposed in cages differing somewhat from the ordinary punishment-cages in the Pun-yi magistrate's *jamea*—a sight for tourists, who do not, however, visit this prison so often as the more famous *Nanhai* prison.

DARING ATTEMPT AT PIRACY.

I have just had a talk with a friend who has come through what might have been a very unpleasant adventure in the S.W. of this province. He had been staying on the coast highway to Kwongchowan, and was returning to Canton on Friday. The usual mode of travelling throughout the delta and on all the waterways in the province is by passenger-boat—a large junk—towed by a steam-launch, of which craft there is a great number lying to the N.W. of Honam Island. These steam-launches usually carry a guard of from 15 to 20 men, armed to the teeth, and the passenger-boats too have a guard, and sometimes an ancient cannon or two. In the case I refer to, the boat had passed a few miles beyond Kongmoo, and was in a narrow part of the river, when, in the late watches of the night, it was attacked by a number of sampans, which glided out of the numerous small creeks flowing into the larger stream at this spot. The crews of the launch and passenger-boat fought strong enough to refuse to surrender and were attacked with a fusilade from modern weapons. For several hours the fight was kept up, and at last, finding they could make no impression on their would-be victims, the pirates withdrew. It is very rarely, I believe, that passenger-boats are strong enough to keep off pirates, so my informant had a fortunate escape. This bold attack so near to the port of Kongmoo shows well that the pirates are really more powerful than most foreigners imagine. The day will come when their destruction will become absolutely necessary to freedom of trade.

NEW YEAR PREPARATIONS.

With the approach of China's New Year there is a great activity in the fire-cracker quarter. Millions of crackers are used annually at this season, of which many are imported. It is a period of great danger from fires, as may be imagined.

The toy-shops are very busily at work also. At New Year every respectable house has its little ornaments renewed, and the children have their little presents. Generally there is a good deal going on in the city at present, but money is very scarce in the Imperial coffers, and it is rumoured that another loan will have to be negotiated by the Viceroy.

FOOTBALL.

The V.B.C.F.C. will play H.M.S. *Tamar* (Shield Match, 1st round) at 4 p.m. to-morrow, on the Hongkong F.C. ground. The following will play for the V.R.C.:—W. A. Crake, goal; J. Hitchcock and R. Lapsey, backs; E. R. Horton, J. Forbes, and H. Gidley, half-backs; H. W. Sayer, H. S. Holmes, W. Dixon, A. Marti, and J. Clelland, forwards.

THE FISCAL PROBLEM.

Hongkong, 16th January.

Sir,—I have read with great interest the replies which my hastily-peaked contribution on the Fiscal Question has evoked, but I cannot say that I am yet persuaded that Mr. Chamberlain's proposals, if adopted, would be advantageous economically or politically to the British Empire. The vote of the British community having been taken on the question, this reply must, I suppose, be taken as ending the discussion. Otherwise I should be interested to hear from "Chamberlainite" why my pen should be regarded by him as "Radical." Is he unaware of the fact that all the men of the best experience in the late Conservative Cabinet are inflexible opponents of the late Colonial Secretary's enterprise? Every statesman now alive who has occupied the position of Chancellor of the Exchequer in England—and two of them have presided over the Board of Trade—the positions in which the best experience is gained for forming opinions on fiscal changes—emphatically denounces Mr. Chamberlain's proposals as inimical to the best interests of the Empire. And who is Mr. Chamberlain that he should be regarded as an infallible guide in these matters? Mr. Chamberlain has represented in his time every shade of political opinion, and may describe a complete circle before his career is ended. No man in the Empire has proclaimed more vehemently than himself against the policy he is now seeking to dictate to the nation.

If I conveyed to "Chamberlainite" that I took our Colony as "a basis of argument on which to build a superstructure of an overwhelming fabric of false issues," I very much regret it. While I am not convinced that the condition of our Colony would benefit by Mr. Chamberlain's proposals, I would wish to deprecate any attempt to consider the general question entirely from the parochial point of view.

Parenthetically, I would, however, by way of replying to "Chamberlainite," remind him that Hongkong has not been

made what it is entirely by the expenditure of British pounds; if it were possible to make a computation, it would be found that a great many of the wicked aliens have contributed

handsomely to the development of Hongkong as a commercial centre. A study of the directorates of local companies affords some indication of that fact.

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HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held yesterday afternoon in the Council Chamber. Present:-

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT, F. H. MAY, C.M.G.
MAJOR-GENERAL VILLEUR HATTON, C.B. (Commanding the Troops).

HON. A. M. THOMSON (Acting Colonial Secretary).

HON. SIR HENRY S. BERKELEY, K.T. (Attorney-General).

HON. L. A. M. JOHNSTON (Acting Colonial Treasurer).

HON. A. W. BIRKIN (Registrar-General).
HON. BASIL R. H. TAYLOR (Harbour Master).
HON. W. CHATHAM (Director of Public Works).

HON. SIR C. P. CHATER, C.M.G.
HON. DR. HO KAI, C.M.G.

HON. WU A YUN.
HON. C. W. DICKSON.
HON. GERSHOM STEWART.

MR. R. F. JOHNSTON (Acting Clerk of Councils).

PAPERS.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table the Report of the Committee appointed by His Excellency the Governor to enquire into the causes of Chinese infantile mortality in the Colony; a Report by the D.P.W. on Tynanuk Waterworks Scheme for City and Hill District Supply; and a paper dealing with an increase of the Police Force.

FINANCIAL.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table Financial Minutes (Nos. 1 to 6) and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 13) and moved its adoption.

The ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

REGISTRATION OF DOMESTIC SERVANTS.

HON. H. E. POLLOCK.—Your Excellency, I would ask permission to lay upon the table a petition which has been signed by numerous ladies in the Colony with reference to the registration of domestic servants. That petition, sir, is not formally addressed to the members of this Council, but it has to do with legislation, and therefore, sir, I think it is fit that it should be laid upon the table of this Council.

HIS EXCELLENCY.—I think the hon. member's petition is not in order and cannot be laid upon the table of this Council, I think the hon. member must have received a letter addressed to him by the Colonial Secretary by my direction stating that the petition is addressed to the Officer Administering the Government and not addressed to the hon. members of this Council, it is therefore not in order.

HON. MR. POLLOCK.—Of course I bow to your Excellency's ruling, but as the petition has to do with legislation it seems to me that it could be laid upon the table of the Council.

SANITARY EYE-LAWS.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table and moved the approval of a repeal of eye-laws made by the Sanitary Board under Sub-section 7 of Section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.—“The Bye-laws under the heading ‘Nightsail Carriers’ contained in Schedule ‘B’ of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, are hereby repealed.” He said—Sir, this is rendered necessary by the new system.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS seconded the motion, and it was agreed to.

SUMMONING OF CHINESE ORDINANCE.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the following resolution:—“Whereas by section 5 of the Summoning of Chinese Ordinance, 1899 (No. 40 of 1899), it was enacted that the said Ordinance should only continue in operation for the period of two years from the coming into operation of the said Ordinance, and for such further period or periods as might, from time to time, be determined by Resolution of the Legislative Council, and whereas such operation has been continued by Resolution of this Council till the 30th day of March, 1904, inclusive;—It is hereby resolved by this Council that the Summoning of Chinese Ordinance, 1899, shall be further continued in operation for the further period of two years from the 3rd day of March, 1904, inclusive.” He said—I may say, sir, that the working of this Ordinance has been found to put no hardship on anyone. It is a small convenience, and it may well continue in operation for other two years.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

OPENING OF STREETS.

HON. GERSHOM STEWART asked:

(1.) Under what conditions are public companies or private individuals permitted to pick up and obstruct the public highways?

(2.) In the event of the party responsible being dilatory in the completion of the work involving the picking up of public roads, what powers have the Government to compel them to proceed with expedition?

(3.) Can offenders be fined so much per diem if found negligent?

(4.) Are the crossings provided during the construction of the low level tramway, where the public highways are picked up, passed by the Public Works Department as proper and adequate for the traffic they have to carry?

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS replied as follows:—

(1.) Some Companies, such as the Gas Company, have powers under agreements entered into with the Government; others, such as

the Electric Tramway Company, have powers conferred upon them by Ordinance. In every case notice to and authority from the Director of Public Works is required.

(2.) Companies are required to complete the work for which they have broken up any road with due diligence or with all convenient speed and to restore the road to good condition to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works. The powers of the Government depend upon the terms of the agreement, the conditions of the permit issued by the Director of Public Works, or the provisions of the Ordinance affecting the case.

(3.) The Tramway Ordinance 1902, section 12 provided such a penalty; other cases must depend upon the terms of the agreement or permit.

(4.) No, but where it is brought to my notice that the crossings are inadequate I call upon the Company to provide increased facilities. The responsibility for any accident, damages or injuries rests with the Tramway Company (vide S. 79 of Ordinance No. 10 of 1902).

UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS.

The Council went into Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the Recovery of Charges incurred by the Colony on account of certain undesirable persons introduced into the Colony.

HON. MR. POLLOCK moved that in the 4th line of Section 3, sub-section 1, the words “Health Officer of the Port” be substituted for “Medical Officer of Health.” His reason for moving this amendment was that it was the Medical Officer of the Port who ordinarily went off to board vessels, and therefore it would be convenient that permission in such cases should emanate from him as well as from the P.C.M.O.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL accepted the amendment and it was agreed to.

HON. MR. POLLOCK next moved that in the 5th and 6th lines from the end of the same sub-section the words “became lunatic, idiotic or imbecile after” be deleted and the words “was apparently sane at the time of” be substituted.

It occurred to him that there were a good many cases of people who became violent during the course of a passage although when they came on board they were apparently sane.

His EXCELLENCY pointed out that the average cost of a lunatic was about \$7,000 a year, so that \$1,000 would cover little over one year's expense. When a lunatic came to the Colony, too, he was generally a very difficult person to get rid of and stayed a good long time. He thought \$5,000 was not unreasonable.

In the original Bill there was no limitation at all; they limited it in deference to the representations made by certain unofficial members.

HON. MR. POLLOCK remarked that this was a limitation of liability and he was asking for a further limitation. When he was asking for this it was entirely flippant and out of order on the part of the Attorney-General to ask the deletion of the clause restricting the liability.

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The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved a verbal amendment of lines 5 and 6 of the same sub-section so as to make that part read as follows:—“any person who being at the time of landing a lunatic, idiotic or imbecile shall become within a period of three months,” etc., so as to make it clear up a misapprehension that the effect of the section as printed was to make the shipowner liable for bringing here a man who was not a lunatic at the time he landed but became such within three months after arrival.

The amendment was agreed to.

With reference to section 3, sub-section 2 Hon. GERSHOM STEWART thought it seemed to confer on the captain of a ship absolute control of any person on board. He moved that in line 1, before the word “Every,” the words “In case such permission as aforesaid is refused” be inserted; and that in the 3rd and 4th lines the words “without such permission as aforesaid” be deleted.

This was agreed to.

HON. MR. POLLOCK proposed an addition to that subsection making it compulsory on the P.C.M.O. or the Medical Officer of the Port to give a certificate to the master of a vessel to the effect that he had refused to land such a person in the Colony.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said he had no objection to that.

After some discussion it was agreed that this amendment should take the form of a sub-section, No. 3, as follows:—“In every case in which a person was embarked who was apparently absolutely sane that the shipowner was not to be held liable merely because such person had been subject to periods of lunacy prior to embarkation, that would get rid of his objection.”

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL contended that “became lunatic” was a very explicit phrase.

HON. MR. POLLOCK said that the party might be liable to cross-examination in a court of justice as to why and under what circumstances he said so; it was a matter that could be investigated.

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The Hill then passed through Committee.

HIS EXCELLENCY said it would be printed and ready for next meeting.

The Council adjourned sine die.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the Council—the Acting Colonial Secretary (Hon. A. M. Thomson) presiding.

The following votes were passed:—

CABLE AND TELEPHONES.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$7,000 in aid of vote No. 19, “Cable for Observatory and other Telephone lines to Kowloon—Public Works, Extraordinary.”

LEPERS AT AUTAU.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$3,600 in aid of the vote “Police—Other charges” on account of rations for Lepers in the Asylum at Autau in the New Territory.

EDUCATIONAL VOTE.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$3,600 in aid of the vote “Education, Inspector of Schools—Other Charges” to meet the cost of participating in a scheme for the visual instruction of children as regards the geographical features, life and industries of the various parts of the Empire.

POLICE VOTE.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$42,845 for the following:—

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50 Chinese constables at \$150 each... \$7,500
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23 3rd class constables promoted to 2nd class; difference... 690

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8 1st class constables promoted to be 4 1st class Sergeants and 4 2nd class Sergeants difference... 720

2 Barrack Sergeants at \$240 instead of \$168 each; difference... 624

2 Station Sergeants at \$168 each instead of \$144 and \$156; difference... 144

16 3rd class engineers and coxswains at \$216 and \$240 each instead of \$216 and \$144 each (previous service to count); difference... 96

Total Personal Emoluments... \$12,445

he came on board the ship but became lunatic on the voyage. The real principle of elementary justice was that where two persons were equally innocent—in this case the shipowner and the public of the Colony—he who was the approximate cause of my cost arising should bear it. The Colony owed no duty to a stranger brought here by the ship owner, who got his passage money and brought him here.

On a division being taken the amendment was defeated by a majority of 11 to 1 (Hon. Mr. Pollock).

HON. MR. POLLOCK next moved that in the last and second last lines of the same sub-section the words “five thousand dollars” be altered to “one thousand dollars.” He thought \$5,000 was a very heavy penalty in view of the interpretation being put upon this section. In the case of the Opium Farm the maximum penalty was \$1,000.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said this was not a penalty.

HON. MR. POLLOCK retorted that they were practically punishing the shipowner.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL suggested they might strike out the proviso altogether.

HON. MR. POLLOCK said it seemed to him that the hon. member was entirely flippant and out of order. \$1,000 was quite a sufficient penalty.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL thought the hon. member misconceived the meaning of the proviso to the clause. It was put in by way of limiting the liability of the shipowner, not of imposing any liability upon him.

HON. MR. POLLOCK would have to pay the whole of the cost of his maintenance for that period but it was thought that a maximum might be fixed and limited and so the Government on the position of Mr. Dickson put it that the liability should not exceed \$5,000. So far from his remarks being frivolous and out of order he thought they were extremely necessary and to the point.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1904. [284]



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ROSE GOMPERTZ,

Hon. Secretary,

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contractor; or to increase the amount called
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Guarantee in the amount of \$20,000, or by
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E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1903. [2185]

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HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

1. It is proposed to organize one Dance to be
given at the City Hall on TUESDAY, the 9th
FEBRUARY.

2. The Dance will be open to the Public, and
its object is to raise money towards the cost of
a projected new Pavilion.

3. The subscription will be \$15, but no dance
will be organized unless at least 150 gentlemen
subscribe.

4. The hours of dancing will be from 9.15
p.m. to 12.30 a.m., and light refreshments will
be served during the dance.

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bring their wives and the members of
their families who are not members or subscribers
of the H.K.C.C., or their wives and one
other guest who is not a member or subscriber
of the H.K.C.C.

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gentlemen whose wives and families are not in
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Hongkong, 20th January, 1904. [145]

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for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
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Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [192]

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1904, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving
Statement of Accounts and the Report of the
General Managers for the year ending 31st
December, 1903, declaring a Dividend, and
electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 6th
FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [272]

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SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, at 12
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Report of the Directors, together with a State-
ment of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, con-
firming the appointment of a Director and
electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
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THE WOMAN ON THE
DERELICT.BEING THE STRANGE LOVE STORY
OF JOHN BRAMWELL,

BY
GUY BOOTHBY

(Author of "Dr. Nikolai," "My Indian
Queen," &c.)

Synopsis.—John Bramwell, after knocking
about the world for many years, arrives in
Sydney from San Francisco, and being dis-
charged from his ship looks about for further
work. He calls at the office of a shipping
firm, is appointed mate of the schooner
"Britomart," and the following day sails for
Apia. Two years pass away. One day,
while Bramwell is sitting on the veranda
of an hotel, a man approaches and enters
into conversation with him. It appears he
is owner of the schooner "Kittiwake," which
has some mystery attached, lying off Apia.
He invites Bramwell to go with him and look
over his vessel. Learning that he is thinking
of leaving the "Britomart," Gles Farrington,
as the "Kittiwake's" owner is called, persuades
him to command of his ship. Farrington
turns out to be an opium smuggler and pearl
poacher. After the two have experienced
several adventurous years, Bramwell decides
to visit England. Leaving the ship at Honolulu,
he starts for London on board the "Hullikit."

CHAPTER III.

At the commencement of my first chapter I

described to you the miserable effect of a calm

in the Doldrums, and how depressed our ship

company was made by it. More than once I

bitterly regretted that I had not trusted myself

to steam; but it was no use crying over spilt

milk. I had only myself to thank for my folly,

so, whether I liked it or not, there was nothing

for it but to put up with the stifling heat under

the awning, and the still greater inferno of my

cabin below. All the energy seemed to have

gone out of me, and I had not sufficient left to

keep me even to light a pipe. Stranger still, o

hadless did both feel, that the tutor and the

Captain forbore, for the time being at least, to

quarrel. The widow was lying down in the

saloon, with what she described as a sick

headache. The delicate youth, whose name, by

the way, was Thompson, was fast asleep in the

shadow of the companion, with old Mr. Mac-

pherson in the same condition in a long chair

beside him. Miss Pleydon was endeavouring

to write up her diary, and was not succeeding

in the attempt. Even the man at the wheel looked

half asleep. Indeed the only sounds to be heard

were the music of the soulful gentlemen, and

the clattering of pots and pans in the galley

forward. What the heat must be like in there

I dared not think. The infernal regions would

have been nothing to it.

After a while I went forward to the fore'sle

head to see if there was any air to be obtained

there, but I might have saved myself the trou-
ble, for the atmosphere was as stagnant in the

bows as it was aft. Not an inch of canvas was

drawing; we might as well have been at anchor

for all the progress we were making. I was

proceeding aft once more, when a man who

had been lying in the shadow of the long boat

on the main deck sat up and accosted me.

"Here doesn't seem any chance of a breeze,"

he said. "It is enough to drive a man off

his head—this broiling sun. You don't know

what it's like, sir, down below. How the women

and children stand it fairly beats me. I can't

manage it myself ever."

He was one of the few steerage passengers we

carried, and seemed to be a decent sort of fellow.

Like myself, he had been at sea; later on, he

had tried his luck on the Australian gold-fields,

and, having had the good fortune to "strike it" fairly rich, was now going home to

settle down in his native place. I had always

liked the man, and we had had many talks to

gether during the voyage. Though he was wont

to profess his hatred of the sea, and to vow that

once he got ashore he would never go afoul again, I did not altogether believe him. When

I talked to him about it, his eyes were wont to

light up at the sound of the familiar terms, until

by and by he would forget himself in his

excitement, would ship his leg and vow that,

under certain conditions, it wasn't such a bad

life after all. My reasons for telling you all this will be apparent to you presently.

We discussed the weather, and then I contin-

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Inward Parcels by a.m. Mail are now ready for delivery.

The *Gera* with the German Mail of 22nd Dec., left Singapore on Sunday, the 17th inst., at 9 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 22nd inst.

The *Yarra* with the French Mail of 26th ult., left Singapore on Tuesday the 19th January, at 9 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 26th inst. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 21st November.

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